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THEREOF

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)


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Sir:

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. JP-A 2002-355031 published December 10, 2002, to Sony International et al., with English Abstract.
2. JP-A 2003-228172 published August 15, 2003, to Dainippon Printing Co., Ltd., with English Abstract.
3. JP-A 2003-222626 published August 8, 2003, to Dainippon Printing Co., Ltd., with English Abstract.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

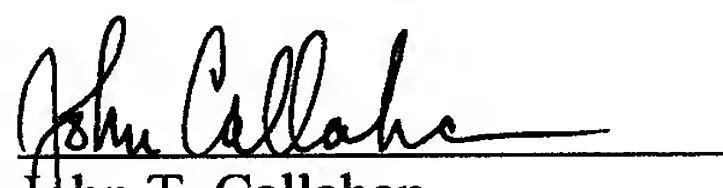
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date; (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114. Although not required, Applicants have chosen to submit a Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) herewith.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication dated September 25, 2007, from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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